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Applicant(s):	Jean-Claude Thibault et al.		
Title	Method Of Sealing A Cartridge Or Other Medical Container With A Plastic		
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RESPONSE TO MAY 18, 2004 OFFICE ACTION TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

This Amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed by the USPTO on May 18, 2004 (the "Office Action"). Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the Office Action. Consequently, a response to the Office Action is due no later than September 20, 2004.

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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